



General Membership Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 27th, 2017 at Noon at Tin Cup Bar & Grill

Present: Mark Kunze, Ashley Stuart, Kathy Bagley, Juli Snedigar, Gary Howell, Kelly Murray, Duane & Sonia Murray, Bruce Christofferson, Marko Manoukian, Ward VanWichen, Richard Dunbar, Gina Simanton, Scott Simanton, Shyla Jones, Casey Cote, Jake Stuart, Bob Galt, Shane Anderson, Mike Lang, Carly Bishop, Donny Bagley

- **Call to Order & Welcome:** President Mark Kunze called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.
- **Review Minutes/Financial Transactions:** Review/approve minutes from May 25th, 2017 and financial transactions as presented. Ward MM to approve as presented, Shyla 2nd the motion; motion carried.
- **Administrative Report and Project Updates:**
 - **Meetings/Conferences**
 - **MT Missouri River Country** – meeting report from Circle, MT. Ashley is VP of organization and she stated the organization is busy finalizing the travel planner, working on advertisement development, finalizing the new budget and anxious to start working with their new marketing agency.
 - **Bear Paw Development** – meeting report from June 9th at MSU-Northern. Pam Haxby-Cote with the MT Dept of Commerce was present and expressed her appreciation for the Bear Paw region and encouraged input from the communities and grant applications from the area.
 - **Hi-Line Arts Trail Committee** – project update – **Kathy Bagley, Art Spot** stated the funding from the NEA has come through and the project will continue to move forward with an extended deadline into next spring.
 - **Phillips County Proud Celebration** – Ashley is a committee member and encouraged everyone to attend the special event that celebrates PC's pioneering past and vibrant future at the Tin Cup on September 16th.
 - **Phillips County Growth Policy** – Ashley reported after visiting with the state, a complete update of the growth policy is not needed as it is a long-term document, working with County Commissioners and Bear Paw Development and County planner to have the document officially adopted by the County.
 - **Phillips County Need Assessment Group** – Ashley reported she attends the regular meetings and asked Ward VanWichen to expand on the setup and purpose of the group. Ashley also reported the group organized a community talk with the Drug Task Force in Malta to help raise drug awareness and give community members helpful tips. Very well received and great information.
 - **Old Business/Ongoing Business:**
 - **City of Malta Water Project** – Mayor Shyla Jones reported the water project has 6 blocks left to complete and the underpass may be closed during the fair week for repairs that need to be completed in that area of town. Traffic will be rerouted and special accommodations will be made for the ambulance service and fire departments.
 - **MBIDD: Old Malta Airport cleanup** – MBIDD Planning Committee report/Marko Manoukian. Marko explained the report created by the MBIDD Planning Committee and for a complete copy, please contact Ashley at the office. The report was created as a request by the City as the report is a requirement when applying for grant funding that will assist in finalizing the completion report for the cleanup.
 - **Store Front Beautification Grant Program** – New application approved. Congratulations to Scot and Gina Simanton and the Liquor and Travel Haven on full funding of their renovation project of the old Anthony's building downtown Malta.

- **PhillCo Strategic Plan – Ashley** explained she will be working with the PhillCo Executive Committee to update the Strategic Plan and present the final draft to the Board of Directors at the November General Membership meeting.
- **Phillips County Community Branding** – Ashley reported the project was moving ahead in a positive direction. Dina and Ashley met with both the County and the City of Malta to present the plan and received support from both entities. Anne Boothe and Kathy Bagley have been instrumental throughout the planning and survey process and will continue to take part through the working group process as well.
- **Potential Grain/Pulse Facility for Phillips County** – Ashley reported the committee is still hopeful for a community visit from Anchor Ingredients, a pulse facility from North Dakota that has shown interest in bringing a facility to PC. A few conference calls in June and July with the executive of the company and the committee have been promising and the company has expressed interest in visiting the area when their new location in Culbertson opens. Ashley will continue to stay in contact with Anchor to make arrangements for a community visit.
- **New Business:**
 - **Hi-Line Technology Roundup** – Ashley reported that the HLTR committee was hopeful they would be hosting another fall technology fair. Tentatively planned for September 29th.
 - **MOI CDBG Grant Application** - Ashley informed the Board she had submitted a letter of support on behalf of PhillCo for Malta Opportunities and the CDBG Grant Application.
 - **Next Meeting: Thursday, September 28th at Noon at the Tin Cup Bar & Grill**
 - **Other** – Mike Lang informed the group of the St. Mary’s Working Group Tour on August 14th & 15th across MT and Canada.
- **WHAT’S NEW IN AND AROUND PHILLIPS COUNTY:**
 - **Welcome Casey Cote – New Branch President, Independence Bank** – introduction and welcome to Malta and Phillips County!
 - **Phillips County Fair – August 3rd - 6th** - Shane Anderson PC Fair Board, update and info on upcoming events. County Extension Agent, Marko Manoukian gave a 4-H numbers and info as well.
 - **Last of the Dragons Play Performance at PC Museum – July 27th 2pm-4pm**
Presented by Fort Peck Theater, FREE admission
 - **Malta Merchants Crazy Days** – July 29th
 - **Phillips County Proud Celebration** – September 16th
 - **RSA Range Management Workshop** – September 19th
- **Adjourn**